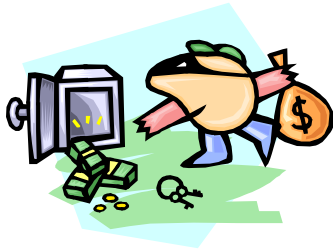


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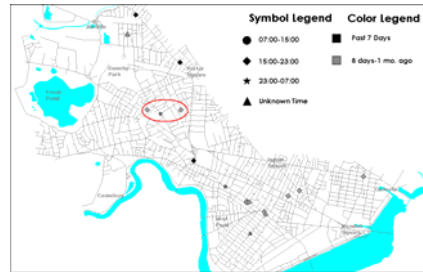
January

The beginning of the 2003 year saw 5 bank robberies in Cambridge. Three occurred between 9:30 and 11am and two occurred just before 4:00 pm. There was a common suspect in 2 of the robberies. Robert Grannino, Jr. was located by CPD with the help of the Boston Bank Robbery Task Force for the Jan 22nd Robbery of the Cambridge Portuguese Credit Union.



February

Street robberies were on an increase in the month of February, with 16 incidents overall. There were 7 predatory robberies, 4 purse snatchings, 3 pack robberies, 1 acquaintance robbery and



one carjacking during this time. Much of this activity was focused around Central Square, as well as North Cambridge and Peabody

A number of the incidents were of a violent nature, with suspects presenting weapons. Guns as well as knives were popular.

March

There were 8 larcenies from health clubs in March. In all cases, the victims had their locker broken into (although one locker was left unsecured) and items stolen, most commonly cash and credit cards, which were later used. A crew of criminals from Somerville, Cambridge, Malden and Revere were linked to this series of crimes and similar incidents throughout greater Boston.



April

FIRST MURDER OF THE YEAR

Cambridge's first murder of the year was on April 12th. The victim, who had been stabbed was found bleeding and was transported to Beth Israel Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. **Alexander Pring-Wilson**, a Harvard University graduate student was arrested for the stabbing death of Michael Colono, an 18-year-old Cambridgeport resident.

May

HOUSEBREAKS IN NORTH CAMBRIDGE HEAT UP

During April and May of 2003 there was a sharp spike in housebreaks, with the majority seen in North Cambridge. The incidents in this neighborhood were taking place overnight in the early morning hours, particularly between **2:00 and 4:00am**. These nighttime breaks involved entry through windows, while the victims were at home sleeping. The hot property for these incidents was laptops. Some of the perpetrators were breaking in and solely taking the laptop, when other pricey electronics were available.

June

2ND MURDER IN CAMBRIDGE

The second murder of 2003 in Cambridge occurred on Sunday, June 8th at 4pm at the corner of Massachusetts Ave and Walden St. Three days later, warrants were issued for Markendy Jean of Malden. On July 18th, Jean was rendered back to Massachusetts from Florida, where he had fled. CPD successfully ousted him from hiding through the use of press conferences and heavily focused surveillance.

January – December 2003

July

Flash Mob Convenes in Harvard Square

A flash mob of approximately 200 people met on the second floor of the Harvard Coop Bookstore in Harvard Square simply to ask store clerks to help find a card for a man named “Bill” from New York. The mob then broke into a round of applause and quickly dissipated.

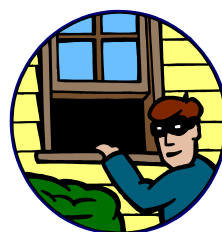


A flash mob is a new phenomenon that is created when an email or web site declares that a specific place will be the site of a brief meeting for a wacky stunt. After the stunt occurs, the mob breaks up, leaving onlookers mystified.

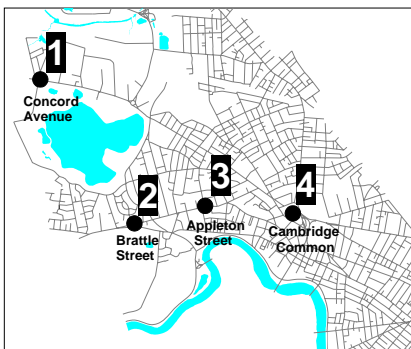
August- September

Another housebreak pattern emerged in August and spread into September of 2003. There were **121 housebreaks** reported between August and September alone. Neighborhoods targeted the most during the month were **Mid-Cambridge, North Cambridge, and Peabody and Cambridgeport.**

In the section of the city bordered by Mass Ave, Broadway, Prospect St. and Harvard Square, the majority of housebreaks included a violent entry with the use of a crow bar.



October



There were four indecent assaults in Sectors 4 and 5 in October. This was a very uncharacteristic series of incidents both seasonally and in the frequency of the crimes. The suspect descriptions were very disparate in age and overall physical descriptions suggesting that there was more than one offender. However, there were similarities in these crimes. All of the victims were white females between 21 and 26 years of age. Two of the victims were close to their residence when the assaults occurred. In three of the incidents, the victims have been approached from behind with the suspect reaching around them to grab their breasts. A temporal pattern has been hard to identify.

November

THIRD MURDER OF 2003

Mary Toomey, 75, of 124 Berkshire Street became the third murder victim of 2003 when her body was discovered in a duffle bag at her residence on 11/27/03.

Toomey was the victim of multiple stab wounds. Her nephew, **Anthony Di Benedetto** was arrested at the scene in relation to the homicide.

December

Cambridge Police arrested suspected burglar **Farrah Manning**, 28, of Somerville who was working with an unknown male. She was suspected to have been responsible for numerous housebreaks in North Cambridge. The arrest of **Manning** appears to have eradicated the majority of the activity in Mid-Cambridge and Peabody.

